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SUBJ: PNG AND TAIWANESE FISHING VESSELS

REF: A. PORT MORESBY 502

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1. A THIRD FISHING TRAWLER, WHICH DFRT IS CONVINCED IS TAIWANESE, HAS RUN AGROUND OFF MARON ISLAND AND ITS CREW IS STRANDED THERE, MAKING A TOTAL OF 30 SEAMEN BELIEVED TO BE TAIWANESE ON THIS SMALL ISLAND.

2. DFRT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN THE NAME OF THE THIRD SHIP. COMMUNICATIONS WITH CREW MEMBERS HAS BEEN EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT AS RESIDENTS OF MARON ISLAND DO NOT SPEAK CHINESE AND STRANDED CREWS DO NOT SPEAK ANY LANGUAGE KNOWN TO RESIDENTS. MARON ISLAND IS NEARLY 200 MILES FROM NORTH COAST, AND APPARENTLY VISITED RARELY.

3. DFRT SAYS SEAMEN ARE NOW WORKING ON MARON ISLAND PLANTATION IN EXCHANGE FOR FOOD. THIS COULD DEVELOP INTO HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IF THEY ARE LEFT THERE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD.

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4. CAN DEPARTMENT SUGGEST HOW TO APPROACH THIS PROBLEM?

IS THERE AN INTERNATIONAL REGISTRY OF FISHING VESSELS
WHICH COULD IDENTIFY NATIONALITY FROM NAMES GIVEN IN
REF C? IS THERE A SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICE THAT COULD
HELP? DOES THE RED CROSS PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN SUCH CASES?
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